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SUBJ: MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSES FOR LEBANON

REF: A) BEIRUT 886, B) STATE 50308

1. WE APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO REFTEL A; REFTEL B CONFIRMS OUR SUSPICION THAT DELAY IN SHIPMENT OF HANDGUNS WAS DUE TO SUPPLIER RATHER THAN MUNITIONS CONTROL BOARD.

2. THIS CASE IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF TYPES OF PROBLEMS WE HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERING WITH COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF CONTROLLED ITEMS BY GOL FROM US COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS. ONE PROBLEM, ILLUSTRATED BY DUMONT CASE, IS THAT US SUPPLIERS CAN USE EXPORT LICENSE PROCEDURES AS EXCUSE TO EXPLAIN DELAYS IN DELIVERY WHICH ARE REALLY THEIR FAULT. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS POSSIBLE FORGERY AT THIS END: THERE ARE VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS IN LEBANON WHICH SEEK TO ACQUIRE ARMS ABROAD.

3. IN THE FIRST CASE (SHIPPERS' DELAYS), WE NEED TO BE IN POSITION TO ADVISE GOL IF ASKED, WHERE CASE STANDS IN USG. IN SECOND CASE (FRAUDULENT PURCHASER), WE NEED TO VERIFY EACH AND EVERY LICENSE APPLICATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AT THIS END (GENERALLY, THE ARMY COMMANDER) BEFORE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTMENT ISSUES A LICENSE.

4. AS A SYSTEMATIC SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING:

A) THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ADVISE THIS EMBASSY TELEGRAPHICALLY EACH TIME A LICENSE APPLICATION FOR LEBANON IS RECEIVED,

REQUESTING EMBASSY CLEARANCE.

B) THE EMBASSY WILL RESPOND, INDICATING CLEARANCE OR
NON-CONCURRENCE, WITHIN THREE WORKING DAYS.

C) THE DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE THE EMBASSY WHEN THE EXPORT
LICENSE IS ACTUALLY ISSUED.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE.

6. A SECOND PROBLEM IS THAT WE HAVE INCOMPLETE AND
OCCASIONALLY CONFLICTING INFORMATION ON MUNITIONS CONTROL
CASES INVOLVING LEBANON OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS (SINCE THE
OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING IN LEBANON IN EARLY 1975). HAS DEPARTMENT
APPROVED ANY APPLICATION FOR EXPORT OF MUNITIONS TO LEBANON,
TO EITHER LEBANON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OR TO PRIVATE PARTIES
DURING THIS TIME? IF SO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS MUCH
INFORMATION ON CONSIGNEE, TYPE AD QUANTITY OF MATERIAL PURCHASED,
DATE OF PURCHASE, ETC., AS POSSIBLE.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.
DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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